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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2000 for which the shortened statutory period is set to expire on August 24, 2000, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9 and substitute the following new claims 10-32 therefor:

--10. A method for controlling, via data network, a first network device using a virtual interface associated with a second network device, the method comprising:

binding the virtual interface with a selected physical interface, said selected physical interface comprising a communication link to the first network device;

receiving, at the virtual interface, a first command instruction for controlling at least one operational aspect of the first network device;

generating a command message, according to a predetermined protocol, using information from the a first command instruction; and

transmitting, via the data network, the command message to the first network device to thereby cause the first network device to realize said first command instruction.

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